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Loma Linda University Health Earns Three AHA Awards

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Loma Linda University Health in California has received three American Heart Association (AHA) *Get With The Guidelines®* achievement awards, recognizing its commitment to improving care for patients with stroke and heart disease. The honors highlight the institution's success in applying evidence-based practices to enhance patient outcomes.

This year, the following awards were presented:

- Get With The Guidelines® – Coronary Artery Disease NSTEMI Bronze
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- Get With The Guidelines® – Stroke Gold Plus with Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite Plus and Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll

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Loma Linda University Medical Center – Murrieta

Dr. Vincent V. Truong, medical director of the Comprehensive Stroke Center at Loma Linda University Medical Center, said the recognition reflects the team's commitment to rapid, effective care.

"Receiving this recognition is a testament to our team's commitment to delivering exceptional stroke care," Truong said. "This award is not just about meeting guidelines, it's about ensuring every patient receives the highest quality of care when they need it most in the quickest time possible."

According to the American Heart Association, heart disease and stroke remain the leading causes of death in the United States, ranking first and fifth, respectively. Research shows that strict adherence to treatment guidelines significantly improves patient survival rates, shortens recovery times, and reduces hospital readmissions.

The AHA's *Get With The Guidelines®* program assists hospitals nationwide in standardizing patient care based on the latest research. Institutions that achieve these awards demonstrate their ability to meet rigorous standards for timely treatment and consistent follow-up.

Loma Linda University Health's continued recognition under this program underscores its long-standing focus on enhancing cardiovascular and stroke care for patients across Southern California.